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313 Pine Street,
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Colored Dress Goods.

The dress goods stock is complete and popular. Since the opening days of the season our business has been steadily increasing. No wonder, easy to find here just what you want for every dress need, and the price is always right. Prudent women are buying their dress goods here.

Kid Glove Selling.

One reason for the active kid glove business of this store is we buy only the best makes. Another reason is that our size and color range is complete. Specially good gloves for \$1.00 and \$1.50.

New Dress Skirts.

We have just received a large assortment of stylish walking skirts, made of striped checked and mixed gray material. They are medium weight and nicely tailored—just exactly what is wanted for immediate wear. Of course you'll want one when you see them.

Table Linens

New Linen Table Sets, Napkins and Towels, Recent additions to our assortment of Table Linens are of special interest. They include Irish and German Linen, showing a beautiful line of new floral effect and dot patterns. They are fine, durable and extra value. Better come and see them.

New Dress Trimmings

In fancy colors, black and white. Probably the little Persian bands and galloons with their odd designs and bright colors will be used more than any other dress trimming. We have a splendid line to show.

White Cotton for Waists

It's very certain that white materials are to be worn more generally than ever this season. That's why we are showing such a large assortment of new styles of Swisses, Madras and Mercerized Cottons.

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Mr. D. K. Townsend Gives a Stag Party at LaPorte Hotel.

Congenial association and pleasure met in the magic of motion and the sunshine of good spirits at the LaPorte Hotel Wednesday night when Mr. D. K. Townsend, assistant Gen. Mgr. in charge of the W. & N. B. during the absence of his father abroad, gave a stag party to his friends along the line where he grows in popularity as he ascends in authority and council of the road. A special train was run from Hughesville and the guests numbering over forty took temporary possession of Mr. Gallagher's hospitable quarters where all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. An excellent supper was served early in the evening. The occasion throughout was commendable in its good conduct and praiseworthy in the good taste and the good sense manifested in directing its arrangements.

If any one man among them got more enjoyment out of the occasion it was Mr. A. Roberherst. The genial Hughesville landlord was so full of a good time that he could scarcely contain it all, and spread it over all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Townsend's party was a thoroughly good, jovial crowd and the town would welcome them again. It was observed to be an emergency crowd, comprising two doctors, a dentist and an undertaker.

Following are those registered among the party:

D. K. Townsend, G. M. Sones, T. N. Corson, B. A. Buck, Ed. Butler, W. A. Ball, John Hauck, J. S. Stevenson, John Maloney, Harry Smith, Dr. C. F. Wackenhuth, J. S. Rogers, Andrew Seigel, F. Corson, Harry Fry, J. H. Burrows, W. E. Clark, W. W. Rea, A. Roberherst, Dr. M. H. Smith, J. W. Fiester, George Halderman, C. E. Ande, W. E. Reedy, John H. Seigel, John Cook, George Houghten, Wilson Buck, H. H. Mosser, R. A. Reeder, Alvin Paust, Jacob Perr, John Turner, Ellis Bartow, W. S. Bartow, Wm. Shippen, J. A. Ring, Theo. Middendorf, O. H. Herman, conductor; E. L. Koons, engineer; Lester Deining, brakeman; W. B. Ritter, station agent; F. M. Crossley, stage driver, and Prothonotary Thomas E. Kennedy.

Prof. H. A. Surface, state economic zoologist, is authority for the statement that this is the year for the appearance of the seventeen year locusts. These locusts are among the most mysterious of nature's productions in the insect line. Every seventeen years these cicada emerge from the earth, screech through the summer, lay their eggs and give up the ghost. The noise they make is anything but pleasant and resembles somewhat the music made by rapidly drawing a cross-cut saw across the edges of a wash boiler.

It is erroneously supposed that the locusts do great damage to fruit trees and shrubbery by eating the buds and leaves. Nobody has as yet been found who will swear that the cicada eats anything. He seems to be so busy rasping out his unearthly sounds that he hasn't time to eat. The only damage the locust does is to bore holes into the limbs of trees and deposits eggs therein. This kills the limbs. When the young grow large enough they bore into the ground and keep on boring until they get so deep it takes them seventeen years to get back to the surface.

Judge Charles E. Terry, has been selected to try the now famous case of Harper W. Agnes vs. the Albert Lewis Lumber and Manufacturing company which will take place in Luzerne county. The case is an action of ejectment, involving the possession of timber lands said to be worth \$20,000, and has been on the trial list but has been postponed owing to the fact that the Luzerne judge was all disqualified to try it on account of former connection with it in one way or another.

School Directors' Convention.

The second annual meeting of the Sullivan County School Directors Association convened at the Court House, Laporte, Pa., Wednesday, March 14, 1906. The meeting was called to order by F. H. Farrell, President. H. L. Molyneux was appointed Secretary pro tem after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for following year: President, F. H. McGargle, Davidson Twp.; Vice-presidents, Frank Lusch, Dushore Boro, and George McDonald, Cherry Twp.; Secretary, H. L. Molyneux, Forks Twp.; Treasurer, Richard May, Colley Twp.

Mr. C. F. Hunsinger occupied the first period, subject, Agriculture in Rural Schools. Mr. Hunsinger asserted that rural schools should educate country boys to, rather than, from the farm; that the elements of agriculture should be taught not technical agriculture; that teachers who are not in sympathy with country life and country ideals should not be employed to teach rural schools.

Mr. T. H. Gallagher opened the discussion of this subject and spoke as follows: The educational interests have not advanced as have other interests; do not worry about the balance in the treasury, but provide the best possible school facilities for your children; every dollar so spent will come back; provide township high schools in which agriculture may be taught and do not further burden the crowded curriculum of the common schools.

Co. Supt. Killgore then discussed, The Course of Study. The course of study is here to stay; it is not only needed but the people are demanding it; the course saves years in the school life of pupils, it overcomes the evils usually resulting from frequent change of teachers; it gives pupils and teachers something definite to accomplish; it enables parents, directors and superintendent to determine the faithfulness of the teachers; it enables a pupil to see his progress and will keep them in school until they have completed the course.

The Vaccination Law was then discussed by Mr. Hunsinger; there are too many compulsory laws, this one is a bad one. Hon. M. J. Phillips; What can we do to get rejected pupils back into the schools? Hon. Emerson Collins; The law is a monumental blunder, the teacher should not be made a health officer; do not agitate against the teacher, the director or superintendent, they did not make the law but as sworn officers they must respect and obey it; agitate for the repeal of the law; ignorance is more terrible than small-pox.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Apparatus and Equipment of Rural Schools, Prof. H. R. Henning; Seek advice of teachers before purchasing; develop research along the lines of nature, the twig, the buds cost nothing but are valuable; have pupils construct simple needed apparatus; provide all necessary equipment and see that you get at a reasonable price. Miss Marjorie Killgore sang a very pretty solo, You mustn't Pick Plums from my Plum Tree.

Prof. Ballentine discussed the following Elements of a Good School: co-operation of those interested in school work; a good teacher, one who possesses the spirit of the true teacher; good directors who feel real interest in the schools; good buildings with proper equipments.

Dr. J. R. Davies and Mr. G. T. Deegan, Delegates to the State Convention, then presented able and forceful reports of the State meeting which is to be exhaustive to be embodied in this report.

Forty-seven directors responded to roll call.

Misses Mary and Barbara Farrell then favored us with an instrumental duet in which they displayed unusual skill, receiving merited applause.

The employment of Teachers was the subject upon which F. W. Mey-Meyvert, Esq. made the following suggestions: the whole question of the efficiency of the schools centers upon the teacher; the employment of teachers is the most important du-

ty of the directors; teachers should be elected early in the year, contracts should be drawn and rigidly enforced employ teachers in whom you have confidence, who have prepared themselves for the work; get the best, stand by them and keep them. The discussion of this subject was opened by the Secretary, H. L. Molyneux who after speaking of the importance of selecting good teachers asked some questions relative to the duty of the superintendent and directors in considering the applications of teachers who have refused to obey the vaccination law.

Hon. T. J. Ingham then addressed the Association. The highest object of life is not to mass wealth, not to acquire honor and position. We should live for the future life and posterity. The education of the human race is the noblest mission of life. The greatest things in life are morality, honesty and usefulness. Employ teachers whose example as well as precept are good along moral lines. The essential qualities of a good teacher are patience, perseverance, energy and purity of mind. Dr. J. R. Davies sang a beautiful and well rendered solo which was so well received that he was recalled and compelled to sing another.

Hon. Emerson Collins of Williamsport then gave the closing address. It is the duty and privilege of directors and teachers to uplift the commonwealth, much has been accomplished for the cause of public education. The next step is the establishment of township high schools. The country boy has rights just as sacred as those which are recognized and given to the city boy. Educate the youth to meet the exigencies of the future. The most expensive thing is ignorance, the cheapest is education. He attributed the defeat of the south in the late conflict to the ignorance of its laboring class. Do not handicap the country youth by sending them forth to meet life's duties without proper preparation. Have faith in the future, faith in the nation and faith in the educator of posterity. The dollar spent in the education of youth is the best investment made by the public.

The committee then presented the following report:

Whereas, We, the Directors of Sullivan County in Convention assembled, feel that we have derived much benefit from this convention, and feel that some expression should be made of our views upon the questions discussed, Therefore, Be it, Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be extended to those who contributed so ably in making this session a success; to those who prepared the program as well as to those who so kindly contributed by address or music to the success of this meeting;

Resolved that we again express our approval of the adopted Course of Study and recommend its continuous adoption by every school board in the county and that the expense involved should be paid by the different districts in proportion to the numbers of their schools;

Resolved that we recommend the establishing of Township High Schools wherever conditions make it possible;

Resolved that we look upon the vaccination law as working an injustice to those most interested in school work; that we especially condemn that feature of the law which makes the teacher responsible for enforcement, and we most earnestly petition our representatives in the State Legislature to labor to secure its repeal or amendment, placing the responsibility of its enforcement upon health officers;

Resolved that we favor a more liberal expenditure of public funds to provide needed apparatus;

Resolved that we especially thank our venerable friends, Hon. T. J. Ingham and Hon. Emerson Collins for their able, interesting and helpful addresses, and Messrs. Deegan and Davies for their comprehensive reports of the State Convention;

Resolved that we extend to Co. Supt. J. E. Reese Killgore a vote of thanks for the interest he has manifested and the effort he has put forth

to increase the efficiency of our schools.

Signed: W. L. Palmetier, J. C. Miller, R. C. R. Kshinka, W. P. Kelley and C. P. McCarty—Committee.

Resolutions adopted as read unanimously.

Selection of delegates to State Convention left in the hands of the Superintendent. Remarks by C. F. Hunsinger. Adjournment.

H. L. Molyneux, Secretary.

BERNICE ITEMS.

We approve of the suggestions in the Review about building a school house to accommodate all the intermediate grades, but why build it at Mildred. Bernice has plenty of ground suitable for school purposes without paying a large price for ground in Mildred. There is a piece of ground which lays between the Murry road and what is known as the black road opposite the saw mill which would be in the most central location, and if it could be built there, arrangements might be made with the Connell company to furnish steam for heating purposes, thereby saving the pupils from acting as janitor. By all means let it be a township high school. Are we not as much entitled to a township high school as Lopez? We want the best as far as schools and education is concerned.

There is a great deal of speculation concerning the burning of the school house, but we cannot see how any one could be so degenerate as to fire a school house that is a benefit to every one.

Joseph McHugh of Wyoming, visited Mildred friends Thursday and Friday.

F. P. Crowley of Pittston spent St. Patrick's Day with his parents at Sugar Hill.

Miss Grace Schaad who is attending school at Towanda, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schaad at Mildred.

Mrs. Claud Transue of Binghamton, is visiting Mildred friends.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Suttill of Mildred, on Thursday evening on the occasion of their moving away from Mildred, and among the guests were the following persons; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dieffenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schaad, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. P. Murphy, Mrs. J. C. Schaad, and Miss Mattie Walters.

The O'Boyle and Foy breaker started operations last week.

Joseph Ryan of Pittston is visiting his father Wm. Ryan.

There seemed to be a regular epidemic of grip at Mildred last week.

Schools opened in the falls on Monday.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has issued an order that visiting persons ill with contagious diseases shall attire themselves in close fitting suits as a precaution against communication of germs. Dr. Dixon orders that all such visitors shall wear a tight gown extending nearly to the floor and fitting close at neck and wrists. A close fitting hood on the head and rubber boots complete the attire. After a visit clothing is to be enclosed in a tight rubber bag and thoroughly sprinkled with a disinfectant. Undertakers, physicians, clergymen and health officers come under the new ruling which Commissioner Dixon says he hopes will aid in placing Pennsylvania at the head of all the states in the union in sanitary matters.

Eighteen years ago occurred the great blizzard of 1888, a storm that still figures in weather reports and in history as one of the severest that ever befell this vicinity. On the 11, of March springlike weather prevailed, and warm rain was falling. During the night the rain turned to sleet and then to hard, compact snow that by morning lay in huge drifts every where. The telegraph lines were down in all directions, vehicles had to be abandoned in the snow and railroad traffic was at a complete stand still.